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Road closure and sale questioned

By CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

A decision made more than two years ago to close 53 Ave. on the east side of Highway 41 and then sell the land to a private business, made its way back to Town of Elk Point council chambers last Monday night.

Elk Point businessman Wally Jawhari questioned the logic of closing a road, which he claims not only provides an important access route to his business, Wally's Pub and Restaurant, but also to several others in the area. Just as concerning, according to Jawhari, is that the Town has sold the land to a neighboring business across the street, Ark Auto Wash and Pet Spa.

"I had no idea the road was sold," Jawhari told council, asking if the Town is "trying to kill my business."

On March 8, 2010, Jawhari attended a public hearing on Bylaw 677/10, the bylaw to close the road. He expressed his opposition at that time indicating that such a move would restrict access to his property. It wasn't until several months later, Oct. 12, 2010, that council passed the bylaw to approve the road closure.

Town manager Myron Goyan explained to the *Review* that the closure of the land was initiated by Ark Auto, which requested additional land for parking and future expansion.

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Vicki Brooker photo

Crafters encourage spring to hurry

Youngsters at last week's after school crafts session at Elk Point Municipal Library were tired winter and eager for spring to arrive. With trees still bare, they decided to create their own pussy willows instead of waiting for the real thing, hoping to encourage local bushes to follow suit. This week will wind up the popular series of after school craft sessions, which will resume in the fall.

Murphy Road needs upgrade: County

Provincial jurisdiction also suggested for heavily traveled road

By JANICE HUSER
Review Contributor

At the County of St. Paul's last regular meeting, council approved a letter that will be sent to the province regarding the need to upgrade Murphy Road, which is located in the eastern part of the County of St. Paul. The letter also states that the county believes the road should be under provincial jurisdiction.

The letter is addressed to Ric McIver, minister of transportation, and states "While both municipalities would appreciate Provincial assistance in completing the required overlay on this road, we feel strongly that this road should be under Provincial jurisdiction. This road is a major thoroughfare for industry and currently has only one resident that lives along the road. The traffic count currently shows 1000 vehicles per day."

The letter further states that traffic on the road is expected to increase. Redoing the overlay on the road is estimated to cost \$9.5 million and according to the letter, will benefit industry much more than it will benefit residents.

"Unfortunately there are some safety issues developing due to the deterioration of the road," says the letter, which is signed by both the County of St. Paul and M.D. of Bonnyville reeves.

Council approved the letter with some minor changes to wording.

Scope Change

County approved Scope Change #6 to the Ashmont/Lottie Lake water project. "This scope change is for the controls, computers, and alarm systems at both Water Treatment Plants. The increase to the project

at this point is \$49,854.20," says the April agenda package.

This is work that was not considered in the transmission line portion of the project, but is required in the water treatment plant phase, so it is not an additional cost to the project overall, says the agenda.

The change also does not exceed the approved amount of money for the project.

Aggregate levy

Council defeated second reading of the bylaw 2013-05 Aggregate Levy Bylaw, which would have imposed "a levy in respect of all sand and gravel businesses operating in the municipality to raise revenue to be used toward the payment of infrastructure and other costs in the municipality," according to the draft bylaw.

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Memorial scholarship honours McFadyen

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A longtime area resident and health care worker is being honoured with the establishment of the Violet

E. McFadyen Memorial Scholarship, which will be presented to a F. G. Miller High School student or an employee of the Elk Point Health Care Centre who is entering a post-secondary education field related to

professional medical care.

The annual scholarship recognizes the importance that McFadyen gave to her career at the Elk Point Municipal Hospital, and her high expectations, love and respect of professional health care. It was established in her memory by her family to encourage and promote quality credentialed education that will enhance professional health care at the Elk Point Health Care Centre, and ultimately, health care everywhere.

McFadyen passed away in September 2011 at the age of 95.

The scholarship encourages academic excellence and will assist its recipients with a \$500 cash award toward their post-secondary training in fields such as nursing, diagnostic services, pharmacy, family medicine, rehabilitation and dietary services. A minimum Grade 12 average of 75 per cent is required to qualify for the scholarship, and the recipients must also satisfy the entrance requirements of the post-secondary institution where they wish to study. A F. G. Miller student not immediately attending a post-secondary institution will have one year from their graduation to fulfill that requirement. Provision also can be made if the student is required to enroll in a program of general studies before applying to the qualified field of medical study.

If more than one student applies for the award, Grade 12 marks, financial need and identifiable motivation for the career choice will be used to determine the recipient. If no applications by eligible candidates are received a particular year, two awards may be made the subsequent year.

Candidates have until June 1 each year to submit a letter of application to the School Board career counsellor.

The first recipient of the scholarship, in 2012, was Kelsey Lindquist.



Vicki Brooker photo

Memorial plaque unveiled

The handsome new plaque displayed by Myrna Fox, daughter of the late Violet McFadyen, and St. Paul Regional Division No. 1 School Board trustee Darrell Younghans was unveiled at Elk Point Healthcare Centre on Friday, and will contain the names of recipients of the Violet E. McFadyen Memorial Scholarship, presented to students pursuing professional careers in the medical field. Also on hand were, left to right, Health Care Auxiliary chair Bernice Capjack, F. G. Miller High School representative Diana Richer, Health Care Centre manager Leanne Betts, and McFadyen family members Malcolm and Marge McFadyen, Chris McFadyen, Darrel Appleton and Bill Fox.

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ELK POINT VICTIM SERVICES SOCIETY

No support for motion to replace manager

By CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

A motion by Coun. Eugene Buck to give Town Manager Myron Goyan a three-month notice of termination of employment failed to receive the support of his colleagues around the Town of Elk Point council table last Monday night.

No discussion took place during the council meeting regarding the motion except for Coun. Dwayne Yaremkevich indicating he did not feel he had enough information to vote on the motion at that time. However, Mayor Parrish Tung said a yes or no vote was required.

"You cannot abstain. You have to say yes or no because this motion is on the floor."

Goyan, who said he turned 65 this year and has a 15-year career with the Town, did not wish to comment publicly about Buck's motion the next day or his plans for retirement.

Tung said, following the meeting, the fact that all of council, except for Buck, voted against the motion speaks

to the lack of support from council for such a move.

"That's his (Buck's) own opinion and obviously it's not supported by the rest of the councilors. He has his own reason for doing that and I'm not going to discuss those kinds of reasons."

For his part, Buck told the Review his main reason behind the motion speaks to the need for the council to do its due diligence and have a succession plan in place for the town's senior administrative position.

"Two years of work with council and administration to try and have them see the need for renewal with no results," Buck said of what spurred his motion "I took this tactic trying to get everyone's attention, at least, focused on this topic. I believe the Town of Elk Point administration needs renewal from its key manager position on out."

Buck also expressed concern that, under the Municipal Government Act Sec. 205.1, there should be an annual written performance evaluation of the town manager by council and that isn't

occurring.

"This is not about any particular individual, it's about performance or, in my point of view, lack of performance, lack of following the MGA on this specific pointed area, which is critical and key to the effective functioning of our municipality," Buck said.

"I think we could do a better job all around, which is why I'm encouraging citizens of Elk Point to run for all various elected positions and why I'm trying to point out to council that prudent business management practices require that we address the succession planning issue in a way that's positive for all the players involved."

Buck believes it only makes sense that council be proactive and "recognize we can't rely on Myron going for ever.

Since we can't rely on him forever, what are we going to plan to do for the future on the behalf of the citizens of the town? I'm just trying to have council focus on what the town needs as an entity as opposed to any of the individual players, myself included."

Buck pointed to the lead time required in the hiring of senior administrative staff and said planning for the future to ensure a smooth transition in the municipality would be the responsible approach to take.

"This is a long process and I think we should have started it at some point in the past. In retrospect, my motion should have simply been to start the search for a new manager and not turf the old one. That will be the motion I make next time."

County briefs

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A meeting was held in late March with gravel pit operators/owners and many said they would be in favour of the levy if it didn't tax gravel being purchased by county ratepayers to use in the county.

The idea of only enforcing a levy on gravel leaving the county seemed flawed and would be hard to enforce, said Coun. Maxine Fodness, prior to voting.

All councillors voted against second reading, defeating the bylaw.

Armistice Hall
Council discussed the future of Armistice Hall and a motion to tender out the property was carried.

The property the hall sits on is about 0.7 acres but the county will place a caveat on a small portion of the land in case the road, that runs along the property, ever had to be redone. An assessed value will now be put on the property.

Council heard that the building was originally built in the 1930s.

"Chances of it getting used as a community hall are pretty much nil," said Coun. Dwight Dach, adding, it was broken into at one point and hasn't really been fixed up since.

AGM
The County of St. Paul's Annual General Meeting will be held on May 2 at 7 p.m. at the Public Works shop. The county's auditors will be on hand to discuss the county's audited financial statements.

Fire Halls
Council awarded the contract to build the new fire halls in Mallaig and Ashmont to READ Contracting Ltd. for just under \$2.2 million total.

Land Use Bylaw
The Land Use Bylaw has been presented to council and has gone through first reading. If the process moves along as expected, the bylaw will be implemented this summer.

The Municipal Development Plan was also presented to council for first reading. A public hearing will be held next

month.

Election
Changes to the Local Authorities Election Act for the fall election will require voters to have proof of identification and proof of address, CAO Sheila Kitz told council. Municipalities can pass a bylaw to allow for additional or different types of identification to be used, or a municipality can put together a voters' list.

Councillors expressed interest in creating a voters' list and requested administration to look into what is involved in the process of creating a list. The item was tabled so administration can gather more information.

July
The regular council meeting for July has been moved to July 16.





Lakeland Industry & Community Association Annual General Meeting

THURSDAY, APRIL 25, 2013

5 pm at St. Louis Parish Hall, 5011 - 49th Avenue, Bonnyville, AB

Honourable Diana McQueen
Minister of Environment & Sustainable Resource Development
speaking on "Paradigm Shift: Environmental Monitoring in Alberta"

7:30 p.m. Annual General Meeting including:

- Elections
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Capsule Comments



by Your Natural Choice Apple Drugs pharmacist, Seyi Oyebo

- It's National Immunization Awareness Week in Canada from April 20-27. One hundred years ago, infectious diseases were the leading cause of death worldwide. In Canada, they now cause less than 5% of all deaths thanks to immunization programs across our country.
- Alzheimer's Disease (AD) is such a heartbreaking affliction. Work is being done all over the world to find a cure or at least a way of slowing the progress of the disease. One method being tested right now is a "brain pacemaker" which sends mini-electric signals to the part of the brain that is affected by AD. It does show promise. Although not a cure, it could help delay memory loss.
- Here's another reason why taking good care of your teeth and gums is important, especially for young women. There is a link between poor dental hygiene and premature births. Bacteria from the mouth can migrate to the child in the womb and increase the risk of early delivery. Not had a dental check-up lately? Do it now.
- We hear a lot about cutting down our salt intake. Some sources say Canadians eat too much salt, sometimes double the recommended 1500 mg daily maximum. Our bodies need only 1000 mg daily to function. To put that visually, that's around a half teaspoonful. Something to think about at our next meal.
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EDITORIAL

Charisma?

The Liberal Party of Canada has elected a new leader, with new ideas and a new vision.

Justin Trudeau, age 41, won the leadership by an 80 per cent landslide, and declared himself ready to take on the challenges.

Trudeau is the eldest son of Margaret Trudeau and the late Prime Minister Pierre Elliot Trudeau, who was well known for his charisma. Has that charisma been passed down, that has brought this young politician such a huge following, or does the party have an influx of young members who want a leader they can relate to?

Either way, it will be interesting to see a second generation contender for the PM's chair at work.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Daffodils, furriest horse, trade fair

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE LAKELAND REVIEW AND ELK POINT REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF APRIL 16 IN...

1988

Patsy Zarowny and Brenda Patroch presided over a host of golden daffodils at the Elk Point Co-op, selling the cheerful blooms to raise money for the Canadian Cancer Society's annual campaign. Dave Yake and family held a grand opening for their brand new Hillside Texaco service station along Highway 41.

1993

An 18-year-old Paint horse named Buffy was hailed as the "Furriest Horse" at the Elk Point Agricultural Society's Fun and Furry Horse Show, where Shanna Baker was the junior high point winner. The Alberta Cow/Calf Association called a public meeting to discuss concerns arising in this drought-stricken area of the province including increasing farm debt and the future of the tripartite stabilization program.

1998

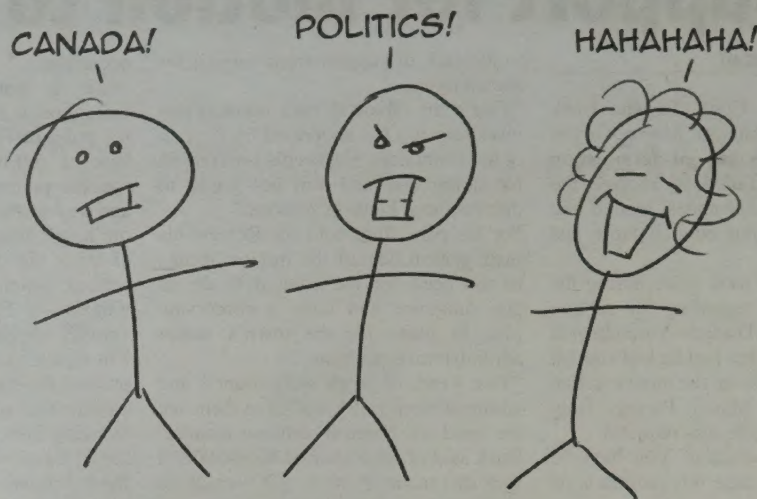
Elk Point Elementary School welcomed the community during their very own Local Education Week, with a science fair, book fair, open house, drama evening and grandparents' tea bringing large numbers of visitors to the school. "I'm sorry to say that tobacco use among youths is pretty high in Elk Point," Debbie Hamilton of the Lakeland Regional Health Authority's tobacco reduction program told the Elk Point Interagency Committee.

2003

The first trade show in five years packed the A. G. Ross Arena with display booths, and included such special guests as Henry 'Gizmo' Williams, Jason Moss and A. J. Goss of the Edmonton Eskimos, magician Wayne Morris and bagpipers from the 2645 Vermilion Army Cadets. Original compositions scored direct hits at Talent Explosion 2003, where Addison Bartholomew and Colin Ference won the Youth category.

2008

Longtime Elks Ed Gregoraschuk, Walter Jendruk and Lawrence Pidluzny were honoured for 45, 30 and 25 years of membership respectively at the annual installation of officers, where Don Pilisko became the new Exalted Ruler. Close to 50 F. G. Miller students tried starvation on for size as they took part in a 30-Hour Famine fundraiser for World Vision, which luckily ended with a pizza supper.



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GUEST COLUMN

'Bail-in'

For the common, average person, any change of word usage causes concern. In other words, we may not understand what the new word usage really means. The word "bail-in" is such a word. I didn't know what it really meant. I know the term "bailout" but I didn't know the term "bail-in". After trying to understand the term, I went to the example in Cyprus. I think it simply means that when depositors in a bank in Cyprus went to sleep on Friday night and woke up Saturday, they will find that their money deposited safely has been seized and used to "bail out" the country.

"Wait a minute," you may say. "That is a scary concept." Well, guess what? Buried deep in last month's federal budget is an ambiguously worded section that has roiled parts of the financial world but has so far been largely ignored by the mainstream media. Neil Macdonald of CBC News makes the following statement: "It boils down to this: Ottawa is contemplating the possibility of a Canadian bank failure – and the same sort of pitiless prescription that was just imposed in Cyprus. Meaning no bailout by taxpayers, but rather a "bail-in" that would force the bank's creditors to absorb the staggering losses that such an event would inevitably entail." Canada is making a bail-in official government policy, too. "The government proposes to implement a bail-in regime ... designed to ensure that, in the unlikely event that a systemically important bank depletes its capital, the bank can be recapitalized and returned to viability," says Finance Minister Jim Flaherty's March 21st budget. In other words, what they are saying is: "should a systemically important bank fail, there is really only one "certain bank liability" that could be "rapidly converted" to capital: depositors' money.

Deposits are insured by the Canadian Deposit Insurance Corporation, up to \$100,000, and the inviolability of that insurance is key to maintaining the crucial public trust. "The risk of the Canadian government not honouring its insurance on deposits is as close to zero as you can get," says Craig Alexander, chief economist at TD Canada Trust. So what does Canada have in mind with its proposed bail-in scheme? The

aim is virtuous: Canada wants to erase the enormous moral hazard created by the concept of "too big to fail." Americans still burn with anger at the decision to reward irresponsible, even fraudulent bankers with trillions in public bailout money, while the rest of the country sank into recession. (Canadian tax money was also used to prop up banks and the automotive industry.) In ruling out future bailouts, Ottawa's logic is simple: Make it clear there is no tax-funded safety net, and you discourage reckless behavior, protecting taxpayers in the process.

The fact is, if Ottawa is seriously contemplating the failure of a Canadian bank, ordinary Canadians might want to do the same, and govern themselves accordingly. Yes, it is scary if something we trust may fail. But, we likewise need to plan our own protection if something we are used to may fail. For example, our job employment gives us an income. The income that we have become used to receiving that is here today may not be here tomorrow for a variety of reasons. That becomes tomorrow's failure that we will be required to deal with. Our thoughts after the fact may be: "Oh, I wish I had saved some of my money instead of spending all of it!"

This all reminds me of the stories my grandparents told me. They lived through the "dirty thirties" where if you didn't live on a farm where you could grow your own food, you may not have money to "make ends meet". Young men were known to "ride the rails" (catch a free ride of top of railway cars) and get off at small towns and walk to different farms and ask to do any kind of work the farmer needed in exchange for a meal. Hence, since those days, the government established what the older people called "the Government Welfare System". It was a government solution to failure that occurs when people aren't able to work and have no money to meet their daily needs.

So whether it is "bail-out" that we don't want our government to use as that means more taxes or "bail-in" because that means taking from us in another way, we basically don't want to experience failure of something we trust.



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from the FCSS desk

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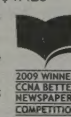
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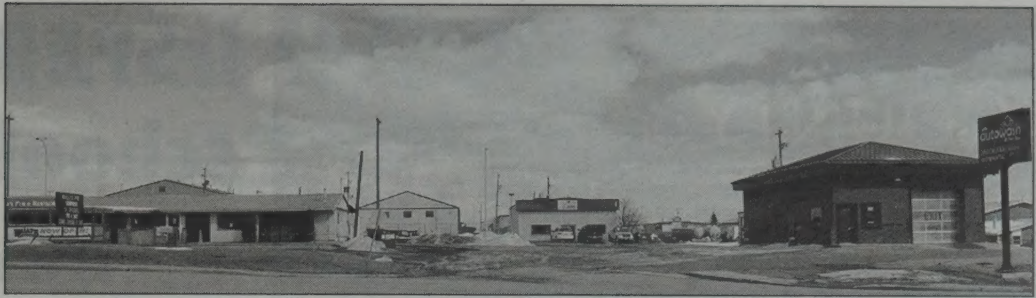
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Business owner questions road closure



The closure and sale of the short strip of 53 Ave. east of Highway 41 between Wally's Restaurant (left) and ARK Autowash was brought back to town council for further discussion last week.

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After the public hearing in March 2010, and prior to council moving forward with the approval in October 2010, "an agreement was signed on May 7, 2010 with conditions that

Transportation approve the closure, that a 20-foot lane (parcel) be incorporated into a restrictive covenant to be registered on the title to the property if purchased." According to Goyan, the purchase agreement was reached on Jan.

10, 2011. The land, 66 ft. x 148 ft., was sold by the town for \$20,000.

"There were 16 parties that I wrote letters to and he was the only one that objected to it. The owner of the carwash wanted to make sure that they provided access along the extreme north side of this 66-foot right of way," Goyan said. "At the hearing, the mayor, and it's public knowledge, told him (Jawhari) there's going to be access on the north side of it, registered to keep it open."

While his customers are still using the same route, formally 53 Ave. to access his business, Jawhari worries what will happen if the access is one day blocked and if the Town can guarantee that won't happen. Jawhari, already frustrated over the town's move to close the road, said he only found out recently

that the land had also been sold, which precipitated his visit to council.

"Why did they sell the road to begin with? Why did they benefit one person and make it miserable for 100 different people? Nobody likes it - all my neighbours in the back use that road constantly," Jawhari said following the meeting. "A service road is made for a reason, otherwise we may as well go back to donkeys."

Council did not discuss Jawhari's concerns during the public portion of the meeting instead choosing to discuss it in camera.

Mayor Parrish Tung said after the meeting that he believes the 20 feet set aside in the sales agreement for local traffic access is appropriate.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Awaiting council's response

Dear Mayor & Council,

As you are well aware, I have written to you numerous times over the course of the last year and a half (Nov. 23, 2011, Nov. 26, 2011, Nov. 13, 2012, Dec. 10, 2012, Feb. 6, 2012), in an effort to resolve the issue with the asphalt in front of our store. To date, you have not responded to my requests for information and clarification. It's a sad day, when a taxpayer has to take their concerns to the local media in order to try and get something resolved.

Once again, I would like to ask the following questions:

□ Why was I not notified of the fact that we had not one, but two sets of services on our lot located at 4806-49 Ave. at the time the Town issued our development permit? Had we been informed of this, there would have been no need to bust out the street, which came at a cost of close to \$20,000 (under frost conditions).

□ A copy of the request by my contractor for a new 2-inch water line to be brought in.

□ A copy of the Engineered Drawings that show where the services are located on the road (depth & placement).

□ A copy of the Bylaw that states the cost of the water meter is the responsibility of the developer.

□ A copy of the Council & Public Works Minutes where our issues have been discussed.

□ Lastly, and probably most important, why do you feel I should pay for 4 inches of asphalt, when the picture I sent you clearly shows that only 2.25 inches of asphalt were actually placed?

I feel that as a taxpayer, that I have the right under the Municipal Government Act to these questions, and that our

Elected Officials have a duty under the Act to provide me with the answers in an open and transparent manner.

In past correspondence I had asked you for forgiveness of the full amount of the paving bill (\$2,499.00), based on my belief that I have suffered enough already (\$20,000) due to your lack of disclosure. Clearly, you do not feel the same. Why do you feel that you do not have to bear any responsibility in this matter?

In my last letter dated Feb. 6, 2012 I enclosed a cheque for \$1,424.43 which represented the

true cost of the work that was completed, and once again asked for you to forgive the difference of \$1074.57 or provide me with an answer to the following question; why do you feel that I should pay for work that was not done? It is now April 9, and although you have cashed my cheque, I still have not received an answer from you, rather, like so many times before, you have simply mailed me an invoice stating that the amount is past due, and that it will be added to my taxes.

Sincerely,
Nigel LaFrance
KEC Investments Inc.

LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Homecoming suggested

To the Editor:

I was thinking how nice it would be to see old friends and relatives who were once residents of the Elk Point area, and to invite them to a homecoming celebration on July 1, Canada Day.

We would like to send a special invitation to anyone who ever attended school in the Elk Point district.

Peter Andrishak
Elk Point

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HIGHLIGHTS

April 9, 2013
Council Meeting

Fire Permits – Just a reminder that Fire Permits are required for all types of open burning within the County

2012 Audited Financial Statements – Shawn Warrington with Synergy Chartered Accountants presented Council with the 2012 Audited Financial Statements. The financial statement can be picked up at the County Office or viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.

2013 Budget – County Council approved the 2013 Budget for the County. This budget has operating expenses at \$20,442,035 and capital expenditures of \$14,500,158. Details of the budget can be viewed on the County website at www.county.stpaul.ab.ca.

2013 Mill Rate Bylaw – Bylaw number 2013-08 was passed by Council approving the Mill Rates set for the 2013 tax year. The following is an excerpt from the 2013 budget regarding taxation and requisitions affecting mill rates:

We have experienced an increase in the requisition for the MD Foundation in the amount of \$133,064. Additionally, the School Requisition has increased \$269,064. The increase in these requisitions is taxed for with separate Mill Rates and the money is then forwarded to the MD Foundation and the Government of Alberta respectively. These increases to requisition cause increases to taxes which is of no control of the County as follows:

- Residential properties increase by 1.78%
- Farmland properties by 0.81%
- Commercial/Industrial properties by 0.28 – 0.28%

Assessment has seen growth of 3.78% in 2012 due to new construction. Market values have increased causing an additional increase in assessments overall of 2.98%. The market value increase combined with the changes due to School and Seniors Housing requisitions have caused significant increases to residential taxes estimated at 9%. Based on this Council has approved a decrease to the Residential Mill Rate of 0.35 which reduces the average tax increase on residential to 3.75%. Additionally Council approved an increase to the Non-Residential rate of 0.25 resulting in an approximate 2.5% increase for Non-Residential taxes. Net increases to taxes for municipal purposes is approximately 2% for both Residential and Commercial/Industrial."

Aggregate Levy Bylaw – Following a meeting with the pit owners/operators and landowners who voiced their concern with the proposed aggregate levy, Council defeated the Bylaw at second reading. The aggregate levy will not be imposed.

Fire Halls – READ Contracting Ltd. has been awarded the contract to construct the Ashmont and Mallaig Fire Halls at a total cost of \$2,198,000. Construction is expected to start in May and is projected to take 30 weeks to complete. The County will be working with READ Contracting to do some of the ground work at the sites.

Paving of Lake Subdivisions – As a result of ongoing discussions about the ever increasing costs of repairing the oiled roads within lake subdivisions and the struggle to maintain a reasonable standard, administration sent an invitational bid to contractors for paving approximately 78 km of road with approximately 79,850 tonnes of ACP. After reviewing the bids, Council passed a motion to enter into a contract with Sandstar Construction to pave the 78 km of roads within the lake subdivisions. An amendment to the 2013 approved budget will be presented at the May 14, 2013 Council meeting reflecting this project. This amendment will decrease the expense for oiling of roads by the amount required to pay a loan for this project. Council intends on borrowing through Alberta Capital Finance Authority to complete this project.

Planning and Development – Council gave first reading to the Municipal Development Plan which outlines how and where land can be developed in the County. Council also gave first reading to the Land Use Bylaw which is put in place to regulate and control the use and development of land and buildings within the County to achieve the orderly and economic development of land. A copy of the proposed bylaws can be viewed on the County website. Public Hearings will be held at the May Council Meeting for anyone wishing to speak to the proposed bylaws.

Returning Officer – The County is looking for a returning officer for the October 21st Municipal Election. Training is available. If you are interested or would like more information, contact the County office.

Annual Meeting – Will be held May 2, 2013 at 7:00 p.m. at the Public Works Shop. The auditors will be in attendance to present the financial statements.

Highway Cleanup – Will be held on May 4. We are looking for a group to clean 14 miles along the Murphy Road. Contact the County Office for more information.

Funding Support

- \$500 – St. Paul Lions Football to attend Provincial Competition
- \$1,000 – Mallaig School to host Team Handball Provincial Tournament

For more information contact
Sheila Kitz, CAO, County of St. Paul
at 780-645-3301, ext. 208.

SPERD discusses school renovations, new courses, transportation

By SAM MACDONALD
Review Contributor

The first matters discussed at last week's regular St. Paul Education Regional Division school board meeting were those related to the Transportation Committee and the transportation budget.

It was mentioned that this year, the Fuel Subsidy Grant was discontinued by the provincial government. In response, the committee looked into the budget from the previous year and offered contractors a three per cent increase on daily rates, a one-time payment to bus drivers for kilometers travelled in 2012 and 2013. These were designed to make up for the considerable expenses no longer covered by the grant.

Trustee Ron Rudkowsky suggested the school board write a letter to the provincial government to bring back the grant but increase the necessary trigger to 85 cents rather than 65 cents. Such an action would benefit bus drivers, while cutting back some of the costs for providing the grant for the government. A motion to send a letter was carried.

Children's Fair

The Children's Fair was discussed and slated to take place in May, with a late lunch set for participants. A motion for support for an ad in the St. Paul Journal was carried.

Student Fees

Changes made to registration fees were mentioned at last week's meeting, with Ashmont School seeing changes in art, computer, photography and student agenda fees. Glen Avon and Racette also saw minor changes in fees with Glen Avon getting a new Life Skills course and swimming program, and Racette also getting a swimming program.

Local Courses

A number of new locally developed courses are being introduced into SPERD schools. They were discussed briefly discussed by the school board and a motion to acquire and approve them was carried. They include courses like Rock and Pop, ESL Introduction to Mathematics, Science, Canadian Studies and Expository English, Forensics, and Yoga.

Racette Request

A motion was carried to allow classes for Grades 6, 7, and 8 to finish a day early, on June 26 instead of June 27 at Racette 2. This was done so that Portage College could start construction as early as possible on its building.

Capital Plan

The capital plan was presented at last week's board meeting. At Ashmont Secondary School, the school will be undergoing a process of modernization.

The floors, roofing, lockers, library and hallways, and alarms will be upgraded. Ashmont Elementary will get upgrades to classrooms, new windows, storage improvements, and a roofing replacement.

Heinsburg and New Myrnam School were given mention by Secretary Treasurer Jean Champagne as having received minimal Capital and IMR funds. They have been assessed as needing a number of improvements including new flooring, paint, hardware, lockers, updates to labs, windows, doors, roofs, and assorted mechanical and electrical updates.

Synvoice

The possible introduction of an automated callout system was discussed. Synvoice is a system already used in a number of divisions in the province, heard the board. The system can be programmed with multiple numbers, calls multiple numbers at once and can send simultaneous mass-text messages to get in touch with parents.

It would be used for announcing school and bus cancellations. It could also be used for any changes in bus routes. In the long run it is meant to save schools time and effort.

"There wasn't one negative comment on the system from other schools," said Trustee Deb Pederson.

Superintendent's Report

A sub committee of the Family School Liaison Workers started a proactive bullying policy, which Superintendent Glen Brodziak describes as "a good starting point, and a good document."

It is one of the many new specific policies associated with the upcoming changes to the Education Act. Brodziak reported that they are collecting specific bullying and behavior related documents from schools.

Financial Report

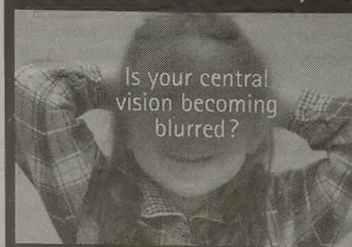
According to Champagne, the budget is being processed. He noted that there would be many areas in the budget where expenses would need to be "trimmed." A budget meeting was scheduled for May 28.

Two Hills

Two Hills had its first site meeting and an aggressive schedule is being pursued by the committee to have the school ready for next spring. They want to move students into the new school from modulars and tear down the old building this summer.

There have been some complications with the presence of a sewer line running under where the new school's gym is, heard the board. There might need to be work done to unplug the old sewer line or change where it runs. Contractors are currently working on the situation.

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New residential lots selling well

CLARE GAUVREAU
Review Staff

Elk Point Town Council has approved the sale of three lots and agreed to deposits on five more in its residential subdivision at the north end of 60th Ave.

Mayor Parrish Tung said council has sold three lots for \$65,000 each and accepted a 10 per cent purchase deposit on five additional lots of \$6,500 each from SJG Contracting Ltd.

In its purchase proposal to the Town, SJG Contracting indicated "full purchase price and development of the other five lots will occur as the natural progression of construction completion and sales of homes ensues." The company committed to having two homes under construction at all times until the eight lots have been developed.

"Services are in there already. We are just waiting for the weather to clear and then we will put power and paving in and they will be ready for building," Mayor Parrish Tung said.

The subdivision has 16 lots developed with the Town planning for the development of additional lots once the majority of the existing ones are sold.

"We don't want to but we have nobody coming in to do it," Tung said of the Town's decision to develop residential lots. "It's something we wrestle with. We know the economy is kicking up, therefore, we decided to develop some more lots and we can only do it bite-size, what we can swallow or digest."

Franchise fee

ATCO Electric was on hand at the April 8 council meeting to discuss the renewal of its franchise agreement with the Town. Elk Point's franchise fee is currently at 3.6 per cent.

Elk Point residents currently see a \$3.08 franchise fee and a \$1.64 linear tax on their monthly power bills, shown as a municipal assessment.

The Town has until Nov. 1 to advise the ATCO of any changes to the franchise fee. Council needs to determine the fee levels, the cap amount and the term of the agreement.

Airport

Alberta Transportation is offering up the Elk Point airport to the Town of Elk Point and the County of St. Paul for \$1.

However, given the fact that the letter of offer was dated March 22 and Transportation requested everything be in place for April 1, council was hesitant to agree.

The runway is in need of resurfacing and there was no indication in the letter as to whether or not Transportation will foot the bill for the resurfacing project if it turns ownership of the airport over to the Town and County, which jointly operates it.

Mayor Parrish Tung said Transportation has indicated previously that it had a "\$700,000 and some" budget for paving and "if they can find the remainder of \$400,000 then we say 'yes', after they pave it. we will consider whether we want to buy it or not," Tung

said.

"Obviously we want to keep it as an active airport in the town's portfolio of opportunities and attractions, that part's a no brainer. That's not the issue," Coun. Eugene Buck said.

Town manager Myron Goyan was requested by council to send the department a letter indicating it is not prepared to take over the airport at this time.

"Please call us when you've found the rest of the money," Goyan said, in summing up his proposed communication to Alberta Transportation.

The County of St. Paul also addressed the proposal from Alberta Transportation during its regular council meeting last Tuesday.

"We are sending a letter to the Minister of Transportation to ask for an extension in order to provide the County with enough time to evaluate if we, together with the Town of Elk Point, should consider taking over ownership of the Elk Point airport," CAO Sheila Kitz told the Review. "We feel that this airport may be an important piece of infrastructure into the future for Industry to access northeast Alberta."

Safety first for 2nd Chance Trail Ride participants

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

With less than four weeks to go, the organizing committee of the 2013 2nd Chance Trail Ride is doing their best to make sure that ride participants will have a safe and enjoyable journey as they travel from Lindbergh to Heinsburg on the Iron Horse Trail on Saturday, May 11.

The 2nd Chance Trail Ride and the supper, silent auction and entertainment that will follow are part of an organ transplant awareness campaign established by double lung transplant recipient Moe Irvine, and a fundraiser for GoodHearts Foundation, a society that raises the awareness for the need for organ donation assists transplant recipients with housing while they are undergoing treatment.

The committee practices and promotes good horsemanship and says the wellbeing of all riders and horses is paramount, particularly in an event of this type, and has developed a series of rules for the participants to follow, including one new rule this year: helmets must be worn by all children taking part.

Absolutely no alcohol is permitted.

Horses must be at least three years of age to take part, and must be well mannered and in good condition. With over 80 riders expected, the committee notes that this may not be the best ride for an inexperienced rider or a green horse, especially after a long winter of inactivity.

Horses and riders with poor manners or unsafe horsemanship may be withdrawn during the ride, and stallions and horses that kick are to be identified with red ribbons, which are available at registration, while on the trail. Horses are to be tied to their trailers when they are not on the trail, and stallions must be double-tied.

Good manners on the trail include remaining behind designated group leaders and leaving a minimum of one horse length between horses. Dogs are not allowed on the trail, and must be leashed in camp, or left at home.

Bio-security measures are very important to responsible horse owners. Horses taking part in the ride must not show any sign of illness, and must not have been in contact with ill horses. Water will be available, but horse owners must bring their own feed, and for bio-

security reasons, they are urged to bring their own pails for water and feed, and not to allow horses to drink from the trough.

For more information on the ride, contact Fae or Moe at 780-724-4027.

The public is welcome to join the riders for the

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Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple Honoured Royal Lady RubyAnn Kittlitz (left) and members Lois Sharek and Verna Lazicki visited the Elk Point Health Care Centre last Friday to present a cheque for \$1,000 from their bingo and casino proceeds to Health Care Auxiliary president Bernice Capjack and secretary Myrna Fox. The donation will go toward the purchase of items for the comfort of patients at the Health Care Centre. The OORP supports a number of local charities and causes with their donations each year.

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Local residents honored at Lakeland College

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Four Elk Point area residents were among 1,050 Lakeland College students that received a total of \$964,839 in awards during this year's Awards Night celebrations. The Vermilion campus ceremony was March 20 and the Lloydminster ceremony was March 13.

Local area residents who received awards are:
Nicole Kalynchuk, who is studying toward a Bachelor of Applied Science in Environmental Management, received the Canadian Land Reclamation Association (Alberta Chapter) Award.
Beth Warholik, a student of Interior Design Technology, won the Interior Designers of Alberta Scholarship.
Brendan Bishop, in the University Transfer program, qualified for the Jason Lang Scholarship.
Justin Anderson, in the Heavy Oil Operations Technician program, won the John Nicol Entrance Scholarship.



Vicki Brooker photo

Pharmacy staff join protest

Staff at Elk Point Pharmacy supported last Thursday's province wide protest on provincial budget changes to generic drug prices. The store was closed from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Elk Point Apple Drugs was also closed during that period, joining an estimated 100 drug stores across Alberta to support the rally at the provincial legislature.

Police vehicles damaged in overnight mischief

By Cst. Pedro Rodriguez
Elk Point RCMP
At approximately 4:30 a.m. on March 23, Three Elk Point RCMP vehicles had their rear windows smashed out and tires slashed in apparent

targeted act of mischief. A lone suspect was seen entering the RCMP lot, slashing the tires on a police vehicle, then fleeing on foot. The suspect returned a short while later to throw objects at other police vehicles and take a wrench to smash out the rear windows on the remaining police trucks. On Saturday, April 6, Elk Point RCMP arrested 22-year-old Elk Point resident Andrew Gosselin after completing the investigation into the matter. Alcohol was a factor in the incident and the damage totaled \$2,022. Additional police vehicles were provided by the St. Paul RCMP Detachment and public safety was not at risk during the repair period of the police trucks. A bail hearing was conducted on Gosselin and he was released on cash bail pending his first court appearance.

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Jr. B Canadiens honour top performers

RYAN MCCrackEN
Review Staff

The St. Paul Junior B Canadiens held a year-end banquet and awards ceremony on Saturday evening at the Elks Hall, and there was plenty of optimism in the air for the future of the franchise.

"We're going to start building off this season and getting better every year. It's not going to happen overnight and it didn't happen this year, but I think we have the character players to make it happen now," said Canadiens head coach Joe Young, who will be returning to the bench next season.

Ten awards were presented on Saturday night, as well as a pair of framed

jerseys given to graduating players John Schmitt and Brett Blanchette.

"These boys deserve it. They played very well, and the parents were very committed," said Canadiens president Lisa Davies. "It's a rebuilding year. I can't wait for next season, it's going to be awesome."

Austin Rediron was named the St. Paul Canadiens 2012-13 MVP. The netminder posted a .879 save percentage despite a 3-18-0 record through 25 games this season.

Young was happy to announce that the North East Alberta Junior B Hockey League rookie of the year will be returning

to the Habs roster next season.

"I definitely think him getting hurt and not playing for the last month and half really disappointed him, and he wants to come back and have an ever better year. That's what a competitor does," said Young. "Needless to say, we couldn't be happier that we're going to be solidified in net. We know what he brings to the table and everyone in the league knows as well."

Tyler Bunce was awarded with the top scorer award. The forward found the back of the net 10 times during the regular season and assisted on another 19 goals.

Dylan Loughran and John Schmitt shared the honour of top defenseman. Loughran posted three goals and seven assists on the season, while Schmitt had a goal and 10 assists.

Pierre Beaudoin was named the most skilled Canadien of the 2012-13 season. Beaudoin managed three goals and two assists through 10 regular season games with the Canadiens this year.

Rookie of the year was given to Tanner Hellquist. Hellquist only played 15 regular season games with the Habs this year, but managed to put up an average of 1.2 points per game.

Mackenzie Trach was named the 2013 playoff MVP. In the Canadiens four games against Cold Lake, Trach led the team in scoring with a goal and three assists.

Brett Blanchette, who played his final year in a Canadiens jersey this sea-

son, received the coach's award for his dedication to the team both on and off the ice.

"It means a lot to be honoured for having the heart and committing. I know I'm not one of the more skilled players but I try my hardest and do what I can for the team," said Blanchette,

who traveled to and from Lethbridge to take part in Canadiens games and practices this season.

Jamie Wozniak was named as the teams most dedicated player, and Jalel Abougouche was named the hardest working player.

When asked what he learned from his first play-

off experience in the Habs opening round loss to Cold Lake, Abougouche said it was to "work harder."

"They thought they were going to walk all over us," he said. "In the last couple of games we showed them that we can compete with anyone that we want to."



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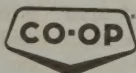
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D-MAN LOUGHRAN -Dylan Loughran holds his award for top defenseman at the St. Paul Junior B Canadiens awards banquet the Elks Hall on Saturday evening.

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Storyteller, authors in town this week

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

Elk Point Municipal Library and Elk Point Elementary School will have some very special visitors this week.

Children's author and storyteller Kathy Jessup, who is now in her second decade of entertaining audiences with her original tales in schools, libraries, concert venues and festivals across Canada, will share the spotlight with award-winning Cree author Larry Lovie and his co-author Constance Brissenden. Lovie and Brissenden have five books based on Lovie's Cree childhood to their

credit, and three more in progress. Brissenden is also an author of history and travel books.

Jessup, Lovie and Brissenden will be sharing their stories at Elk Point Municipal Library on Wednesday, April 17, beginning at 7 p.m., and on Thursday, Lovie will visit the Grade 3 to 6 students at Elk Point Elementary, while Jessup will entertain the

Grade 1 and 2 students with her tales.

Rhyme Time will return

Judy LaGreta, who has entertained an enthusiastic group of moms and tots with her rhymes at Elk Point Municipal Library this winter, has indicated that she will be back in the fall for another round of fun. Watch the library column for further details.

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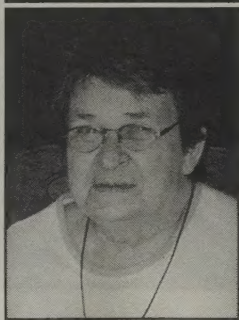
On February 6, 2013, Mrs. Irene Magnusson of Elk Point passed away at the age of 95 years.

She is survived by 3 sons & 1 daughter, Melvin (Aline) Magnusson of Fairview, Charles (Anne) Magnusson of Edmonton, Dennis Magnusson of Vancouver, B.C. & Lyn Young of Elk Point; 13 grandchildren; 17 great-grandchildren; 2 great-great-grandchildren; 2 brothers & 1 sister, James Arnold of Surrey, B.C., Edison Arnold of Louisville, KY & Virginia Carlson of Sointula, B.C.; numerous nieces & nephews. She was predeceased by her parents, Grant & Kate Arnold; husband, Clifton; daughter, Patricia; 6 brothers, Laurence, Frank, George, Norman, Alan & Emerson; 3 sisters, Grace, Ethel & Anne.

A Memorial Service will be held on Saturday, April 27 at 1:00 p.m. at Elk Point Seniors Center, Elk Point. If desired, donations may be made to Parkview Resident's Council or a charity of one's choice c/o 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, Alberta T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com. GRACE GARDENS FUNERAL CHAPEL, 5626-51 Street, St. Paul, AB, T0A 3A1, Ph. 780-645-2677.



OBITUARY NELSON, Sarah



On April 11, 2013, Mrs. Sarah Nelson of Elk Point passed away at the age of 69 years.

She is survived by her children, Roby, Shawn (Tammy) & Angie (James); 7 loving grandchildren, Curtis, Tanner, Jordan, Connor, Jenessa, Tristan & Adana; 2 brothers, Bobby (Terry) Carlton & Barry Carlton; 3 sisters, Judy (Don) Jickling, Audrey (Rick) Rainey & Trudy Towner. She was predeceased by her son, Dale; daughter, Connie; parents, Henry & Elizebeth Carlton; step-father, Stan Elliott.

A Funeral Service will be held on Tuesday, April 16 at 11:00 a.m. at Elk Point Seniors Centre, Elk Point. Pastor Kelly Sibley will be officiating, with interment in Islay Community Cemetery, Islay. If desired, donations may be made to Alberta Heart & Stroke Foundation or Lung Association, Alberta & NWT c/o 5626 - 51 Street, St. Paul, AB T0A 3A1. To send condolences online, please visit www.gracegardensfuneralchapel.com.

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CARD OF THANKS EVTUSHEVSKI, Nesta

The family of Nesta Evtushevski would like to thank Pastor Kelly Sibley and Grace Gardens Funeral Home for their kindness and support given at the arrangements and the service. Thank you to the women who made the wonderful lunch and gave up their time to do it.

A special thank you to the staff of Heritage Lodge, the home care workers and Parkview Extended Care for the care and friendship given.

We would like to express our deep appreciation and thanks to the family, friends and neighbors who attended for all the calls, cards, flowers, food, charitable donations and condolences we received.

Jane & Margaret & Families



Vicki Brooker photo

OORP donates to library

Elk Point Order of the Royal Purple Honoured Royal Lady RubyAnn Kittlitz and members Verna Lazicki and Lois Sharek presented Elk Point Municipal Library manager Daphne Schnurer with a cheque for \$1,000 to be used for new books in the children's area. Schnurer said the donation "Came at a good time. I did a hard weed last year, taking out all the tattered books." The OORP hold some of their meetings at the library, and also will be holding their Mothers' Day Tea in the library's program room on Saturday, May 11.

BRWA wrap up information sessions in Glendon

By MIKE PICKFORD
Review Contributor

The Beaver River Watershed Alliance (BRWA) hosted their fourth and final information session, in its four-part "What's in your watershed?" information series, at the Glendon RCMP Hall last Thursday, with Jordan Walker of the Alberta Environment and Sustainable Resource Development on hand to speak about fisheries in the area.

Before a strong turnout of around 50 people, Walker began his presentation by saying family history, especially in northeastern Alberta, is closely tied to fishing. He pointed to people's experiences with family members while fishing and stated his belief that the public needs to take better care of its water system.

Walker said in the 1970s, all nine watersheds in Alberta were in good shape, yet in 2011 there is only one of those nine still in the good shape it was before, while five have been deemed distressed. He said this comes down to various factors, including development in the area immediately surrounding the different bodies of water, the formation of blue-green algae and misuse of our lakes and rivers.

"From my experience, people love water and are obviously attracted to it," Walker said. "Unfortunately, people perhaps end up destroying water areas just by loving water too much, by trying to build things around it and by pulling up vital plants fish need for food."

He added that people often use the misconception that seeing fish in a lake or river is evidence that the water is clean, which is not always the case. But the demise of a watershed cannot be pinpointed to one exact cause, as Walker said it is cumulative effects over time that cause damage.

One Bonnyville resident claimed there needs to be more enforcement of laws from both government and police officials to ensure the region's lakes and rivers are protected.

"There have been multiple times I've reported incidents and nothing has been done," the individual said. "There is absolutely no following through, no come back on these people breaking laws."

Another resident claimed the government should work on setting up seminars and information sessions for people in order to educate them about the damage certain things can do to the water—specifically citing the detrimental effects large boat motors and quadding in areas surrounding water can have.

Another individual said that it was the public's responsibility to protect and look after the water so that other living species could continue to prosper.

"I think we need to organize a proper group that really means business," she said. "Fish aren't able to evolve, they can't speak up or protect themselves so it's up to us to adapt and fix things so that they can continue to survive."

Walker said he was more than happy to deliver the evening's presentation, saying he was delighted with the work the BRWA has done over the years and he hoped those in attendance had taken something away from the night.

"I just wanted people to realize that it's the small things we do that matter a lot and it's important that everyone works together to come up with solutions to various problems," he said.

Co-Chair of the BRWA Gordon Graves was especially thankful to Walker as he wrapped up the last of the organization's series of four informational sessions.

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* Elk Point Health Care Auxiliary * Elk Point Friends of the Library * Haying in the 30's * Camp He Ho Ha * The Stollery Children's Foundation * Ronald McDonald House. This has been possible with the help of volunteers from the Elks and the community who have donated their time for our bingos and casino. The ladies of the OORP would like to acknowledge and give thanks to these volunteers:
Community Volunteers: Laverne Wilson * Shirley Kvill * Carol Kulczyk * Lavern Kittlitz * Kaz Lazicki * Bernice Bykowski * Pat Widdow * Sharon Smith * Pierre Couillard * Virginia Smereka * Lily McCool * Gladys Hardcastle * Fern Sinclair * Holly Myshaniuk * Ann Uchman.
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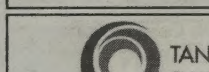
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Beaver River

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"I think this presentation was as good as we expected. We've dealt with Jordan lots and worked with him before, as he sat on the watershed (previously), so we knew what the presentation would be about. That being said, he did everything we hoped he would do. He put things into

terms that everyone could understand and took the time to explain himself, so it was a very well done presentation," Graves said.

Thursday's fisheries presentation went alongside the BRWA's previous three presentations: land-use framework, lakes and streams, and groundwater and geology.

Graves said he was pleased with not only the turnout at the sessions, but also the way those in attendance engaged themselves in discussion.

"I think people were really impressed with the presentation, but I also think they're probably amazed by the work the BRWA has done - most of Jordan's presentation was on work we've already done. This proves to me that we're on the right track, when you have a government official put on a presentation like this, which was so widely accepted - nobody condemned what was said tonight."

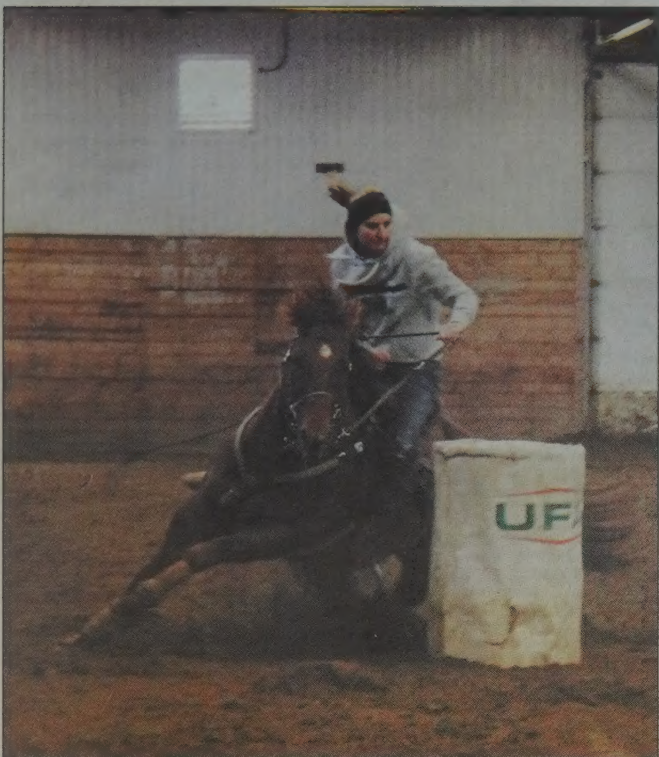
The BRWA will be hosting their annual general meeting at Willow Prairie Hall in LaCorey tonight at 5:30. A free supper will be provided for those that attend.

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Elk Point barrels into spring



Over 100 riders took part in the Alberta Barrel Racing Association - Saskatchewan Barrel Racing Association - sanctioned jackpot in Elk Point's C. G. Baker Arena last Saturday. The event was a fundraiser for barrel racer and cancer victim Rebecca Beebe. Megan Proski, left, makes a tight turn around her second barrel, while Jessica Wirsta, right, takes a more cautious approach. Below, the second set of riders warms up prior to their competition.

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Buffalo Trail Team Ropers tie up season with awards

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Saddles, buckles, blankets, rope bags and other prizes were handed out to the winners as Buffalo Trails team ropers wound up another great season.

The Buffalo Trails Team Roping Association held their finals on March 23 at the C. G. Baker Arena in Elk Point. The event was hosted by the Elk Point Ag. Society. The finals are a wrap-up for another great season for the organization.

The award winners for the finals are (sponsors in brackets): High Point Saddle, Header (Cougar Pumps/DEC Electric) - Wyatt Walterhouse, 90 points; High Point Saddle, Heeler (Ropin n Ranch & Westman Farms) - Megan Proski, 90 points; Runner Up Blankets, (Megan Proski, Flying Star Performance Horses home of VF Streakin Wonder) went to Header Scott Campbell, 70 points and Heeler Slade Bowers, 70 points; 3rd place Headstalls (A-Jay's Carwash, BTTRA) went to Header Malcolm McKenzie, 60 points and heeler Jace Lavallee, 60 points, 4th place saddle pads from the BTTRA went to Brandon Bowers and Derek Westman, each with 60 points.

Year end prizes:

This year's High Point saddle, sponsored by Elk Point Agricultural Society and D. Ganzer Welding, went to Derek Westman, with a season grand total of 670 points.

The No. 3 buckle from Agland, Vermilion, went to Brandon Bowers, 440 points, and the No. 3 blanket from Megan Proski, Flying Star Performance Horses, went to Wyatt Walterhouse, 380 points, with the No. 3 rope bag from BXB Farms going to Spencer Young, 310 points.

No. 4 winners were Austin Young, receiving the UFA buckle with 230 points, Malcolm McKenzie, taking home the blanket from Kody Potts, Get R Done Horse Training, with 190 points, and Malcolm Nowosad, winning the rope bag from BXB Farms with 170 points.

No. 5 winners were Curtis Diamond, taking home the Ranchester Welding buckle with 150 points, Travis L'Heureux, winning the blanket from Get R Done with 130 points, and Slade Bowers, winning the Lyndale Welding rope bag with 90 points.

In the No. 6 competition, Steve Brooks won the Baker Hughes buckle with 190 points, Mark Fletcher the Get R Done blanket with 160 points and Kevin Oester the Lyndale Welding rope bag with 150 points.

Carter Balan took home the Pro Am award sponsored by Shane Adamson.

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